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Two fairs in which Bennington county people are interested are in progress this week—the Valley fair at Brattleboro and the fair at South Wallingford. Each of these fairs continues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The list of mentioned for governor next year now includes State Auditor Horace P. Graham of Craftsbury, former Congressman Frank Plumley of North field and Ex-State Senator Frederick H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls. Any one of the three would make a governor to be proud of and there are others of the same high standard.

The argument of some of the English trade unionists that the present rate of enlistment provides soldiers as fast as they can be trained and equipped is merely dodging a serious issue. In time of grave need a nation must have the right to call on every citizen capable of bearing arms. Should the war continue another year conscription is the only thing that can save Britain from defeat.

On a recent visit to scenes of their childhood in Townshend a party of former residents found eleven deserted homes in two school districts that once comprised a thriving farming section. What's the answer?—Brattleboro Reformer.

The answer is not difficult. Scattered all through the United States there are thousands upon thousands of men and women who are land hungry and home hunters, farmers or desirous of becoming farmers. They do not know that back in the rural towns of Vermont comfortable homes can be bought at from \$400 up. They do not know that farms with fairly decent buildings can be bought at from \$500 to \$3000. Land in the west selling at from \$50 to \$500 per acre is not one particle more productive than land in New England that can be bought at from \$5 to \$50 per acre. The western and southern land in the market is largely without buildings and far from markets, schools, churches and libraries. Our low priced New England farms are mostly provided with buildings and are near markets, schools and other adjuncts of civilization. The great rush of emigration from our eastern rural towns during the generation following the civil war swept the people from thousands of farms just as good and often better than those they found elsewhere. Since then a generation has grown up that does not even know of the opportunity offered by the low priced farms and homes of New England. If Vermont wishes to re-populate her rural towns she must do two things. First she must make known that there exists this marvel of low priced real estate. Second she must help finance the new settlers who come. The first is comparatively easy and the second is not hard if the people of Vermont would get after the job. A man or woman can go west or south and buy land through an association of company or similar organization, paying for it on the installment plan and occupying it as soon as able. A prospective purchaser of land in Vermont usually falls in to the hands of a slick real estate agent of one of the larger cities and gets skinned of what ready money he has and finds himself in possession of an inferior piece of real estate, without ready money to start work, without credit and among strangers. He cannot prosper and does not and his failure discourages others. There is reason to believe that Vermont people have some three hundred to four hundred million dollars invested out side the state. For thirty years Vermont laws have been encouraging the investment of Vermont money away from Vermont. Much of this investment is in mortgages on land far inferior to Vermont farms. The experience of the west and south shows that these neglected farms of Windham and other counties can be resold to active farmers if the business is fairly and honestly done on a basis absolutely safe and yielding an interest return of four to six per cent. Along this line is the great opportunity for the growth and prosperity of Vermont in the future. It doesn't get the thought and attention it deserves. The finest opening in the state to make a start is in the towns of the West river valley in Windham county. We should like to see the men of Windham county arise to their opportunity.

STATE NEWS

The bean corn and apple crops in the vicinity of North Hero are so large that help is short and women are working with the men to gather them.

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STATE NEWS

A party of 15 Townshend people recently went on an all-day picnic trip to Carr hill. They visited 11 deserted homes on their trip, only five houses being now occupied in districts two and 19, where once were large farming neighborhoods and thriving schools. District No. 19 formerly called Acton, is fast growing into a forest.



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Vermont's Sunday Law.

A very general discussion in the state press of the Vermont Sunday law has been occasioned by the action of Bellows Falls authorities in stopping Sunday baseball in that town and the net result has been to fasten attention on a law that apparently is for observance but not for enforcement except in occasional instances which are followed by a storm of more or less pertinent protest. The interest in the question bids fair to be kept alive as Governor Gates has been called upon by a Bellows Falls citizen to have the law enforced all over the state if it is to be applied in his town, and he asserts that violations are common in other communities.

Possibly most Vermonters do not know exactly what this Sunday law is that is causing so much discussion. It reads, "A person who, between 12 o'clock Saturday night and 12 o'clock the following Sunday night, exercises any business or employment, except works of necessity and charity, or holds or resorts to a ball or dance, or uses or exercises a game, sport, or play, or resorts to a house of entertainment for amusement or recreation, shall be fined not more than \$2."

The reading of it is ample proof that this is what might be called a tight Sunday law. The loop holes in it are not many, and those which can be found possibly have to be made by resort to casuistry and sophistry. But one is wrong if one imagines that this is the same law under which Vermonters have always lived. The original law has been modified in some degree.

In 1794 the legislature passed the following: "That the first day of the week shall be kept and observed, by the good people of this state, as a Sabbath, holy day, or day of rest from secular labors and employments; nor shall any person or persons, between 12 o'clock of the night preceding and the setting of the sun on the same day, exercise any secular labor, business, or employment; except such as necessity and the acts of charity shall require. Nor shall they use or exercise any games, sports, or plays; or hold or resort to any public assembly except as shall be held for the purposes of social and religious worship, and moral instruction, nor shall any person or persons visit from house to house, unless for the purposes of religious or moral conversation, instruction, or edification, or from motives of humanity or charity. And any person offending on conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay to the treasury of the town in which the offense is committed, a sum not exceeding \$2."

It is plain that the Sunday law-breakers in Vermont must number thousands, and among them some good pious persons probably must be included. Certainly any man who plays any game, whether it be a quiet round of golf after church services are over or whether it be for the amusement of his child, has made a serious dent in the statute and ought by the law in the case, to be punished. His child would be left out because no one under seven years old can commit a crime. In fact, nearly every form of recreation is a violation of the spirit, and in most instances, of the actual wording of the law.

What places of business can be kept open depend on the definition of the word necessity. But of course in practically every Vermont community more places of business are kept open than necessity requires, even though they minister in their brief open period to the comfort and convenience of Vermonters.

The point is, these places are kept open because they do contribute to convenience and comfort and their owners are supported in their violation of the law by popular opinion. Popular opinion would not countenance a wide-open Sunday, such as obtains in so great a part of western America, but the acts of every-day citizens are controlled by the knowledge that certain stores will be open for certain brief periods on Sunday.

And so it is all the way down the line. The demand for a rigid Puritanical Sunday has passed even in said old Vermont. This may be for the worst, or it may be for the best, but the fact remains that such is the case. Obviously, then, it would be a physical impossibility to enforce this law rigidly. When its infraction is such as to cause a considerable part of the community to feel outraged, then the law may be invoked with profit but an attempt at a general application of it seems doomed to failure.

Which means that such an attempt probably will not be made. And this being true, is it not right to say that the trouble is not with the people but with the law? Why keep an impossible law on the statute books? It is mighty poor policy; it breeds further law breaking. And the one way to bring about reasonable amendments to it is to enforce it to such extent as to get people in general out of patience with it and then, when the wisdom and virtue of Vermont descends on Montpelier again, there will be something doing. But the man who expects the law to be enforced as it now stands is going to be most seriously disappointed.—St. Albans Messenger.

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